

MISSOURI P-20 COUNCIL

History & Accomplishments

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HISTORY

In 1997, Missouri embarked on aligning education and economic policies statewide. The initial effort made modest gains but took a major step forward in 2006 when formal organization of the P-20 Council was established by state statute. The Council is leading the state's efforts to connect pre-school through college education with anticipated workforce needs.

The P-20 Council enables education and economic development leaders to collaborate on mutual goals to ensure students progress seamlessly from one educational level to the next and are adequately prepared for entry into the globally competitive workforce of a knowledge-based economy.

Missouri's P-20 initiatives seek to

- Increase student performance,
- Improve efficiency,
- Ensure successful academic outcomes, and
- Smooth the pathways throughout a student's career.

Additionally, P-20 programs combine educational and economic development goals to

- Coordinate policies,
- Equip students to compete in a complex global economy,
- Reduce remedial course work, and
- Identify high-demand jobs.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The P-20 Council has supported statewide initiatives such as:

- Aligning entry- and exit-level competencies between high school and college;
- Increasing enrollment in math, engineering, technology and science fields;
- Identifying targeted industry clusters to increase workforce supply in the state's fastest growing industries;
- Coordinating programs and services at the local level through regional P-20 councils and summits;
- Developing K-12 mathematics learning goals;

- Obtaining competitive grants to extend the P-20 Council's impact. Successful grant programs include:
 - A U.S. Department of Labor grant to Missouri as one of 10 states to achieve federal benchmarks in workforce production;
 - A National Governors Association P-20 Longitudinal Data Sharing grant to link education data systems for K-12, postsecondary and industry stakeholders;
 - The College Access Challenge Grant program to increase the number of underrepresented students who enter postsecondary education.

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The P-20 Council ensures that education and economic development work hand-in-hand to promote prosperity and quality of life for Missouri citizens.



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PROGRESS

The P-20 Council, created in 2006, aligns efforts among pre-school (P), elementary and secondary, and higher education (-20) with the workforce needs of the future.

The council is made up of the commissioners of the departments of Higher Education and Elementary and Secondary Education, the director of the Department of Economic Development, and the chairs/presidents of the State Board of Education, the Coordinating Board for Higher Education, the Coordinating Board for Early Childhood, and seven members to be appointed by the governor.

The council has achieved notable progress, including:

- Established regional councils in northwest and southeast Missouri, with substantial progress in other regions throughout the state;
- Obtained grants to link diverse data systems that will provide value-added reports for K-12, college and industry stakeholders;
- Worked to align Missouri's eight targeted industry clusters (agribusiness, automotive, defense and homeland security, energy, finance, information technology, life sciences, transportation/logistics) with current education and workforce supply, and to align K-12 learning goals with higher education competencies in math;
- Collaborated with the METS (math, engineering, technology and science) Coalition to strengthen mutual efforts to attract more students to METS careers.

Missouri is one of 38 states with a council in place that brings education and economic development efforts together to improve education across sectors and to prepare tomorrow's workforce to compete in a global economy.



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